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FMB Adopts '73 Budget, Names New Officers And Missionaries

Hudgins New President

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, approved the largest budget in its history — \$38,891,996 — elected a new slate of officers and appointed 11 new missionaries.

W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., was elected president of the board. He succeeds Drew J. Gunnells Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., who completed two one-year terms.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins

Hudgins is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The 1973 budget exceeds that of 1972 by \$3,594,198.73.

Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen explained that the current increase was necessitated by the increased funding for missionary support approved by the board this year.

The increases reflected inflation and dollar devaluation in many countries around the world, which had in effect reduced the missionaries' financial resources.

During the year a special committee on missionary support brought recommendations, which the board adopted, on cost-of-living supplements, allowances for missionary children, support for children attending college, length-of-service allowances for active missionaries and supplements for emeritus missionaries.

These steps are possible, Cauthen said, because of the increased giving by Southern Baptists through two main channels:

(1) the Cooperative Program, the unified system of support for all denominational causes within the Southern Baptist Convention; and (2) the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

In 1973, the board anticipates an increase of nearly \$1.5 million in Cooperative Program receipts, with \$16.3 million expected.

This year, the board received a re-

cord \$17.8 million through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

"We recommend the budget for 1973, therefore, with gratitude to God (Continued on page 2)

The one hundred thirty-seventh session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 14-16, it has been announced by Dr. Clifton Perkins, of Greenwood, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

The Convention is scheduled to get underway Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock in Jackson's First Baptist Church and come to an inspiring close on Thursday night in the Mississippi Coliseum.

All convention sessions will be held in the church except the closing annual Youth Night session on Thursday in the Coliseum.

Dr. Gordon Cline, professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, will lead Bible study at each session in the church.

Out-of-state featured inspirational speakers will be Dr. Millard J. Berquist, interim president of Midwest Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Drew J. Gunnells, Jr., pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. and past president of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Armando Silverio, pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, and

Southern Baptist missionary in the area; Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Rev. Richard Hogue, evangelist, of Houston, Texas, who will be the Youth Night speaker.

Mr. Hogue, 26-year-old nationally-known founder of Richard Hogue Evangelism, Inc., Houston, is well-known also in Mississippi as he was the evangelist recently for a revival meeting held in Jackson's Municipal Auditorium and sponsored by the First Baptist Church of the Capital City.

In 1971 there were 40,134 public decisions for Christ in the Richard Hogue crusades throughout the country.

Other out-of-state personalities to appear will include Raymond Conner, consultant in Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer, and director of financial planning, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Dr. Donald H. Morgan, president and chief executive officer of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas; J. Edward Cunningham of the American Bible Society, New York.

Convention music will be under direction of Jamal Badry of Oklahoma City, who uses a guitar and will also bring special music at each session.

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Glen Perry, Philadelphia layman, convention president, scheduled to be in the chair.

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Supreme Court Affirms Ban On School 'Aid'

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court affirmed an Ohio district court ruling that a payment by a state to a parent for reimbursement for tuition paid for children in nonpublic schools is a violation of the Constitution.

The ruling of the Supreme Court came without the formality of oral arguments following an appeal for "probable jurisdiction" from officials of the state of Ohio. Apparently the issues were so clear — cut that the court by its 8-1 decision did not think it necessary to hear further arguments in the case.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here said, "For advocates of public aid to nonpublic schools, the decision must be viewed as a bitter disappointment."

"By implication it would now appear," the Baptist leader continued, "that the court has also repudiated the suggestion, as made by both major presidential candidates, President Richard M. Nixon and Senator George

S. McGovern, that some form of public aid, at least in the form of a modest tuition reimbursement, may be provided parents of nonpublic pupils without violating the First Amendment."

The Ohio law provided, among other things, for a \$2,000 reimbursement to parents paying tuition in accredited non-public schools in the state. Of Ohio's nonpublic schools, 95 per cent are Roman Catholic schools.

The Ohio appropriation for the 1971-72 school year for the reimbursement program was \$30.5 million. In subsequent years, this amount was to be reviewed by the state Board of Education.

The Ohio district court recognized that the effort to get more and more money for the private schools would become a major divisive, political issue in the state.

The brief filed by the Ohio officials in support of its parental tuition reimbursement law complained that the district court "repeatedly referred to the Ohio legislation as if it provided money directly to a religious organization and concluded that there was no constitutional difference between aid to a denominational school and aid to a parent."

The Ohio brief also pointed out that the court treated reimbursement of tuition to parents "as if it were a tuition voucher providing tuition payments directly to the religious school."

The Ohio district court opinion that the state law violated the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment reviewed the makeup of the nonpublic schools of Ohio, discussed the constitutional principles of the "establishment clause", and applied (Continued on page 3)

Bats In The Belfry Evict Parishioners

APSLEY, Ont. (RNS) — The parishioners of St. Andrew's Anglican church here have bats in their belfry — and that's why they don't go to church anymore.

Well, let's put it this way: the bell tower of the tiny, picturesque village church houses a large resident colony of nocturnal flying mammals of the *Chiroptera* order that have displayed a remarkable resistance to all eviction efforts.

The rector, the Rev. Warren Banting has tried about everything he can think of, including sulphur burning, but the stubborn little beasts — there are hundreds of them — refuse to take up residence elsewhere.

The result has been that the parishioners were forced to stop using the church, and have been holding services in a former school building. "Actually, we don't mind the bats," said Mrs. John Mace, local historian. "It's the smell."

Christianity Today: 'Who Needs Churches? Christians Need Them'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Although construction of church buildings has waned in recent years, such structures are still needed for several purposes, Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly published here, commented in an editorial.

Noting that the "boom" in church construction that immediately followed World War II has been replaced in recent years by a trend of skepticism over "the value—even the validity — of brick and mortar in congregational life," the magazine warned against "getting carried away with unbiblical notions."

"To some extent," the Sept. 29 editorial said, "the anti-building temperament among North American churchmen has been healthful. Some churches have been extravagantly overbuilt. Some are monuments to congregational pride or to competition with other churches. In some denominations, if a pastor's tenure at a church was not marked by the start of a building project it was considered less than successful."

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Hospital Opens Building Bids

The Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital opened bids on construction of its new 600-bed hospital and announced that Turner Construction Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the apparent low bidder at \$21,203,400 including alternates.

Zach T. Hederman, president of the board, said this figure does not include land - acquisition costs, architectural fees, financing charges, equipment and furnishings.

He said it represents construction costs only "for the proposed \$35,000,000 hospital."

He also pointed out that additional costs will be incurred as additional parking facilities are developed.

Hederman expressed his appreciation to the twelve general contractors submitting bids, and he said the apparent low bidder was within the projected budget.

Permanent financing for the project was arranged by Reid - McGee, of Jackson.

HMB Invests In Office Property

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has shifted investment funds in the amount of \$785,000 to purchase property valued at \$1,875,000 adjacent to their office building here.

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge said the remaining property in the Spring Plaza complex became available at the same time an expressway expansion is taking most of the board's parking space.

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Hederman said bids on the equipment were to be opened Wednesday of this week.

"The receipt of these bids," said Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, "will make it possible for Mississippi Baptist Hospital to continue its ministry of healing for a fast-growing community."

This will be another step in relieving the acute shortage of hospital beds in our community, and it will

enhance our capacity as a major medical referral center serving the entire state."

Pryor said construction will begin "at an early date - hopefully within a month," and he said the project will take 36 months.

The new hospital will be built diagonally across the street from the present facility, on the northwest corner of the intersection of North State Street and Manship Street.

St. Amant New Head European Seminary

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland — "We must hear the voice of God in the voice of the times," said Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant in an address during



Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant (right) was formally inaugurated president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, on Sept. 26. Taking part in the inaugural ceremony were (left to right) Dr. Claus Meister, professor in the Seminary, Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the FMB; and Dr. David S. Russell, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and president of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. (Photo by Wes Miller)

the service in which he was formally inaugurated president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland. "This requires a wrestling with both the gospel and the world of the 1970's."

St. Amant offered a theological alternative alongside the current humanistic and scientific outlooks to life. "This alternative requires intellectual rigor, constant renewal, and steady effort to relate it to the current situation," he said.

"Too long has a breach existed between theological ventures and programs of action in the church. In our sphere here at the Seminary and in our task in Europe, let's work toward closing the gap in the 1970's."

In formally accepting the presidency of the Seminary, St. Amant indicated that Ruschlikon is not a new place for him and Mr. St. Amant. He has been serving as president of the Seminary since July 17 of this year. He had been president - elect since August 17, 1971, and he was guest professor of church history during

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Von Braun To Speak At Blue Mountain

Nobel Prize winner and Father of the Space Age, Dr. Werner Von Braun, will speak at Blue Mountain College on Monday, November 6. His topic will be "Practical Uses of Space for Mankind."

Under Dr. Von Braun's technical guidance, the United States launched the western world's first satellite, Explorer I, as well as two follow-on satellites, Explorer II and IV, Pioneer III and IV (The Western World's first artificial planet) followed.

Between 1960 and 1970 Dr. Von Braun served as Director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center and supervised the Saturn and Apollo programs. The peak of his extraordinary career was reached with the historic Lunar Landing. In 1970 he left NASA for a position as Vice President of Engineering and Development for Fairchild Industries.

Dr. Von Braun is the author of many books including: *Across the Space Frontier*, *Conquest of the Moon*, *The Mars Project*, *Exploration of Mars*, *First Men to the Moon*, *History of Rocketry*, and *Space Frontier*.

He will speak in the Modena-Lowrey Berry Auditorium at Blue Mountain College at 8:00 p.m. Admission will be \$2.00. For ticket information telephone 685-5711.

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Bryan Tours Will Assist Foreign Board In Travel Needs

A Mississippi travel firm, Bryan Tours, Inc., has been selected by leaders of the Foreign Mission Board to assist in meeting the travel needs of missionaries going to 76 countries of the world.

More than 2500 persons are supported by the FMB throughout the world in addition to the large staff in the Richmond headquarters.

The business manager and others from the Board visited Bryan Tours, Inc., in late spring to ascertain the expertise, experience, and reliability of the firm before assigning this heavy

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Dr. Fisher On Team To Evaluate School System Of Brazil

Blue Mountain College's president, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, has been elected to head a team of three educators to study and to evaluate the educational system in Brazil. Dr. Fisher will be joined in the study by Dr. James B. Massey, Jr. of Norfolk, Virginia, and Dr. Richard J. Bradley of Boston, Massachusetts. The study co-sponsored by the State Department of the United States and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be conducted in the cities of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Brasilia. The group left the United States October 14 for the eleven day study.

Dr. Fisher is currently serving as president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which is the regional accrediting agency charged with the responsibility of accrediting schools and colleges in the eleven southern states and South America.

The Commission on Secondary Schools of the Association through its Committee on Latin American School has made a significant impact on the educational system in Mexico, Central and South America. Forty-three schools serving 25,956 students are now accredited. Many more schools are initiating studies and plans for improvement. Dr. Fisher was elected to serve on the Latin American Committee in 1970 and has been active in this phase of the SACS program.

Who Attends The State Convention?

Every association in the state and a little over a third of the churches will be represented at the coming state convention if the attendance at the previous convention is any indication.

A study of the registrations records reveals that all associations were represented and that 51 churches, 25% of the total were represented. More than 1200 were not represented. Four hundred and twenty-seven of these were represented by only one messenger, 98% of them being the pastor.

Five hundred and ninety-four pastors attended with 131 of their wives being registered as messengers. Sixty-three other staff members were messengers. Men outnumbered women almost 4 to 1.

The constitution provides that "each church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members, or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

Coming Next Week: DOCTRINAL ISSUE

Foreign Board Adopts Budget

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for laying upon the hearts of Southern Baptists the stewardship of resources enabling this budget to be considered, said Cautchen.

"We also realize that the money provided here is less important than the dedication and heroic service reflected in the lives of missionaries who give themselves so fully to the work of our master as he calls to a world task," he added.

Eleven new missionaries were appointed by the board to serve in six countries.

The new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Clive R. Buttermere of Shellman, Ga., appointed to Costa Rica; Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Edwards of Lake Jackson, Tex., Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Goad of Cleburne, Tex., Vietnam; Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Horn of San Pablo, Calif., Japan; Miss Carolyn Roberson of Fort Worth, Rhodesia; and Mr. and Mrs. Toby R. Walker of Oklahoma City, Argentina.

In other actions, the board elected Wilbur N. Todd as associate secretary for resources and services in the department of missionary education, effective Nov. 1.

Todd has been supervisor of the general accounting section of the treasury department since August, 1969.

Resources and services is one of three units in the missionary education department.



Faculty members who served in the Hinds-Madison training school, were, standing, from left: Chester Vaughn, Joseph M. Haynes, Alvis Strickland, D. Lewis White, John Havlik, Neil Jackson, Earl Murphy, Bill Latham. Seated: Elsie Rives, Neta Stewart, Evelyn George, Myrtle Veach, Nora Padgett, Florrie Lawton, Margaret Sharp.

Hinds-Madison Holds Training School

The Hinds-Madison Baptist Association held a training school at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, October 9-10, according to Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions.

This training opportunity was known as L. E. A. D., providing leadership, education, and development for church leaders, in Sunday school, church training, evangelism, recreation and a bus ministry outreach.

Duplicate conferences were held at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day. A total of 16 conferences were provided. People from nearby churches and associations attended.

The conference leaders were: Birth to three years, Miss Florrie Lawton, Nashville; four and five years, Miss Nora Padgett, Nashville; grades 1-4, Miss Elsie Rives, Nashville; Sunday school, church training, Miss Evelyn George, Jackson; grades 5-6,

Miss Neta Stewart, Fort Worth; Sunday School, church training, Miss Margaret Sharp, Nashville; grades 7-12, Miss Myrtle Veach, Nashville; Sunday school, church training, Norman Rodgers, Jackson; Young adults (18-29) Joe Haynes, Nashville; Sunday school, adults, Alvis Strickland, Nashville; Sunday school, Bill Latham, Jackson; church training, general officers, Chester Vaughn, Nashville; Sunday school, church training, Earl Murphy, Nashville; bus ministry, D. Lewis White, Nashville; recreation, Neil Jackson, Nashville; WIN material, John Havlik, Atlanta.

Speakers from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville were: A. V. Washburn, Alvis Strickland, Neil Jackson, and Dr. Havlik.

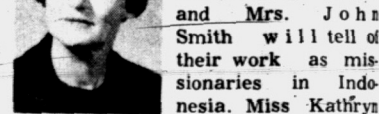
Presession music was presented by Alta Woods Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church, both of Jackson.



Retreat For Single Women October 20-21

Young women from various parts of Mississippi will meet at Camp Garaywa on October 20-21 for a retreat.

The overnight retreat for single young women will provide a time of fellowship, inspiration and missions information. Rev. and Mrs. John Smith will tell of their work as missionaries in Indonesia. Miss Kathryn Bearden, career



consultant, Baptist Hospital, and Miss Waudine Storey, Mississippi WMU, will discuss some of the work Mississippi Baptists are doing in Mississippi. The Saturday morning session will be a workshop on group dynamics led by Miss Katharine Bryan, Texas WMU. Leading the music will be Miss Carolyn Sadler, school teacher, Collinsville. Other program personalities will be Miss Renee Richardson, Lincoln County Welfare Of-

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Mr. Perry will bring the keynote address to be followed by the worship period.

This will include special music by the Blue Mountain College choir, scripture reading and prayer by Dr. John Cobb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Inverness, and the Convention sermon by Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale.

New workers in the state will also be introduced at the opening session as well as the receiving of a report of the Order of Business Committee.

A business period, including presentation of budget, committee reports and presentation and referral of resolutions, will be conducted at the Tuesday afternoon session, to begin at 1:00 o'clock.

Election of officers is also scheduled for the Tuesday afternoon session. During the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman for president and re-elected each time for a second term.

Mr. Perry has served two consecutive one-year terms as president and if custom is followed he will be succeeded this year by a layman.

Tuesday evening's session will feature a State Missions Presentation under direction to Dr. W. Douglas treasurer.

The proposed new record high Co-operative Program budget for 1973 will be presented at the Tuesday afternoon session by Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Board, and be voted on, along with the entire Convention Board report, on Wednesday morning.

The total budget goal for 1973 is \$3,200,000, compared to the 1972 budget of \$4,600,000, an increase of \$600,000, according to Dr. Hudgins.

The Convention Board report will also include a report of its Assembly Committee with a recommendation that a Capital Funds Campaign be launched as soon as possible for no less than \$1,250,000 for the rebuilding of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian.

The report will also include a report of the Convention's Education Commission, with a Convention Board-approved recommendation that the request of the Convention's Board of Ministerial Education to authorize construction of two ten-unit apartment dwellings at Clarke College and five at Win. Carey College be approved.

The above request includes permission to borrow \$254,200 to cover construction costs.

The Convention Board report will also include a Convention Board-approved recommendation that the State Baptist WMU be authorized to borrow

five and Miss Debra Brown, senior nursing student, MC.

The retreat will begin Friday afternoon at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The total cost for the retreat will be \$6.50 (\$1.50 registration fee and \$5.00 for meals, lodging, and insurance). Linens will not be provided. Mail the \$1.50 registration fee to: Miss Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

\$20,000 from the Convention Board's Operating Reserve to assist them in purchasing additional property near Camp Garaywa, to be repaid in three years.

The Wednesday morning session will be closed with an address on theological education by Dr. Berquist.

Wednesday afternoon's session will be given over largely to reports of agencies and a closing address on

home missions by Mr. Silverio.

Dr. Gunnells will be the featured speaker Wednesday evening, using foreign missions as his subject, with reports of departments also being given.

Thursday morning's session will be climaxed by a closing address by Dr. Bates on "Evangelism: Our 1973 Thrust."

The session, to close at noon, will also hear reports, including that of the Resolutions Committee.

There will be no Thursday afternoon session, with the closing Youth Night service to be held in the Coliseum.

This service is planned for high school youth, college and young adults, according to the Order of Business Committee.

President Perry will be assisted in presiding by two vice-presidents, Dr. Perkins, Greenwood, first vice-president and Rev. Clyde Little, Forest, second vice-president.

Hopace Kerr is recording secretary, with Rev. John McDonald, assistant recording secretary. Both are from Jackson.

Dr. Larry Rohman will be host pastor.

Montana Pastor Accepts New Work In California

Rev. Cecil Osborne has resigned his pastorate at Emmanuel Church, Billings, Montana, to accept a call to the pastorate of Park Victoria Baptist Church, Milpitas (San Jose), California. Having served for seven years at Emmanuel, he will take up his new work on October 29.

Mr. Osborne has written to the Baptist Record expressing his deep feelings of gratitude to Mississippi Baptists for support of the work in Montana, "physical, financial, and spiritual." He says, "You have contributed to God's work in Montana and the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in an effectiveness that shall be revealed in glory."

Missionary Charles Compton Victim Of Highway Accident

CUIABA, Brazil — Charles E. Compton Jr., 49, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, died Oct. 9 in a two-vehicle collision in the state of Mato Grosso. Occupants of the second vehicle were seriously injured.

Compton was traveling alone in a van to a missionary meeting in Campo Grande. He was killed instantly about 145 miles from his home here. He was buried here the following day in accordance with Brazilian law.

Compton is survived by his widow, the former Betsy Dunning of Kingsport, Tenn., and their four children, two of whom live in the States. Their daughter, Virginia, is a student at Judson College, Marion, Ala., and their son, Bill, attends high school in Canton, N. C. The younger two, John and Dick, attend school in Brazil.

Except for a year of Portuguese language study, Mr. Compton has lived and worked in the vast and sparsely settled Mato Grosso State since their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950. In 1967 he wrote: "I thank God I am just as eager now as I ever was, and know how to do a better job."

Compton's work—evangelism and church development—took him back and forth over miles of rough dirt roads. He drove a pickup truck, and more recently the van, complete with electric generator, movie projector, hammock and bedding.

Son of a Baptist minister, Compton grew up in Tuscaloosa and Sylacauga, Ala. He won a football scholarship to the University of Alabama, and during his last year on the team he was a candidate for all-American player.

During World War II Compton served in Europe with the U. S. Army, winning the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with cluster, the Purple Heart with cluster and the French Croix de Guerre.

After the war he returned to the University of Alabama, graduating with the bachelor of arts degree. He also received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Before going to Brazil he was pastor of Baptist churches in Honey Grove and Telephone, Tex.

Compton's survivors include his mother, Mrs. C. E. Compton of Sylacauga; two brothers, Joseph H. Compton of Canton, N. D., and B. M. Compton of De Land, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Bob C. Faris of Birmingham.

Mrs. Compton may be addressed at Caixa 5, 78000 Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil.

Revival Dates

Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian: October 22-27; Rev. Danny Hood, pastor, New Hope Church, Meridian, evangelist; services 7:15 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Rev. Bennie H. Boone, pastor.

Grace Memorial, Gulfport: Oct. 20, 21, 22; Rev. Charles Brock, pastor; James Lott, music director; Buddy Mathis, preaching and presenting God's message in music as a trumpeter; (Mathis is a freshman at Mississippi College. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Byron Mathis of Pascagoula.)

Hanging Moss Church, Jackson: "REALIFE REVIVAL"; October 22-29; (October 22 has been designated as "REALIFE GROWTH SUNDAY" with high attendance goals set for each Sunday School class); Dr. Paul Wilson, Verona, evangelist; Mike Rodgers, Verona, song leader; services nightly at 7:30; regular services on Sunday; Dr. Robert H. Perry, pastor.

Forest Hill (Hinds): Oct. 22-26; Rev. Barney Walker, evangelist, who has been pastor, evangelist for many years; services at the regular time on Sunday; Monday - Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Pearl Church, Jackson: October 23-29; services at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Russell Bush, layman from Columbia, evangelist; Dean Hunter, minister of music, Pearl, in charge of music; Night services Monday through Saturday; regular services on Sunday; Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor.

Southside, Jackson: October 22-27; Dr. Clark Hensley, director, Christian Action Commission, evangelist; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor, directing music; Sunday services 8:30, 11, and 7; weekday services at 7 p.m.

First, Yazoo City: October 22-27; Dr. R. Wilbur Herring, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, Ark., evangelist; Mrs. Beverly Terrell, Dallas, Texas, guest soloist; Rev. James F. Yates, pastor; Sunday services 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; early morning services followed by light breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

First, Crystal Springs: October 22-27; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

News Of Foreign Missions Easier To Get This Year

RICHMOND — Missions Hotline, providing Southern Baptists with the latest missionary news and prayer requests from around the world, went back into service Oct. 1.

During the two months the Hotline was in operation last year 4,149 calls were logged, but many persons reported getting a busy signal after dialing the Hotline number repeatedly. A second phone line has been added to handle the anticipated load of calls.

Again this year there will be a 24-hour information service reached by direct dialing 703-355-6581 at the cost of a station-to-station call from any locality to Richmond. The three-minute messages will be updated each Tuesday.

William R. Smith, pictured, a Richmond pastor and former radio and television announcer, is the new "voice" of Missions Hotline.

Smith, pastor of the 1200 - member Chamberlayne Baptist Church, brings to his task a professional broadcasting skill developed while working as a radio and TV announcer, beginning when he was in high school. He later worked for radio stations in Florida, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

Smith says that where mission giving and prayer support are concerned, Hotline II — as it is called this year — is being instituted during three months significant to foreign missions. October is Co-operative Program month, November is Foreign Mission Graded Series month and Dec. 3-10 is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with emphasis on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, Dec. 10 is Foreign Missions



Bill Smith

Day in Sunday School.

The Coordinator of Missions Hotline, Samuel A. DeBord, says the cost of a long distance call is nominal compared to the mission giving and prayer support it can elicit.

DeBord, secretary of the department of promotion and furlough ministries at the board, adds that the cost of reaching many Southern Baptists for foreign missions is further reduced when the call is made so that a Sunday or Wednesday night congregation can hear the telephone message through a public address system.

As an alternative, the message can be recorded and played back later for a church service or group gathering.

St. Amant New Head European Seminary

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ing the 1970-1971 academic year.

The inaugural exercises took place in the Seminary chapel on the afternoon of September 26 in the presence of European Baptist leaders; Seminary trustees; representatives of theological schools in Europe and the United States, of the English-speaking European Baptist Convention, of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (U. S. A.) Seminary faculty, students, staff, and related personnel, friends from the Ruschlikon community, and other visitors.

Speaking on "The Christian Ministry in the 1970's," St. Amant said the theological alternative to life means "involvement with God and the world he loves." Then he defined involvement as "compassion, costing feeling—feeling with a price attached."

He said, "Theological renewal must be carried on in the midst of change, in the context of contemporary history, and this means involvement

with particular concerns and agonies of post-modern man, as well as with the perennial elements of the human spirit.

"The theological option includes the Lordship of Christ. If he is truly Lord, there can be no other lord, neither race, nor class, nor nation, nor status, nor power."

Extending discussion on the doctrine of Christ's Lordship, the new president said theological renewal in Seminary, church, and denomination means a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, to share in his death, in his resurrection, and in his body which is the church. "It is to share in the hope which Christ brought and even in some measure to share in his triumph," he continued.

Concluding, St. Amant said some people are frightened by the severity of the 1970's. "Some wish to build a wall around life and in a sort of 'magnot-mind-set' wait out the unrest, the dissent, the swift changes.

But there is no evidence that those who wait out challenges in fear survive to win great rewards."

Then he urged the Seminary community to assume a positive attitude toward its task and to strive "not only to solve our problems and for achievement, academic and otherwise, but let us strive for the grace of forgiveness, understanding, laughter and kindness."

HMB Invests - - -

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Included in the purchase is a 50,000 square-foot, five-story office building with across-the-street property for parking, and a drive-in bank building leased by an Atlanta bank.

Rutledge said the purchase provides for needed parking; the future expansion for the agency's offices, if this should ever be needed; and shifts investment reserves for a better earning rate.

A settlement for the highway expansion is expected to pay for the new parking space, and money from the board's memorial funds will finance most of the remaining portion of the cash payment. The memorial fund was established in 1943 and consists of bequests to the board. The earnings from this fund apply annually to the work of the agency.

"We will receive a better return on our investments from these funds we hold in trust, and we will not use Co-operative Program or Annie Armstrong Easter Offering funds in this purchase," Rutledge said.

The loan on the property will be self-amortizing from rental returns.

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Court Affirms School Aid Ban

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these principles to the Ohio legislation.

The establishment clause of the First Amendment reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The Bill of Rights is made applicable to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment.

The Ohio district court concluded its lengthy review of the church-state issues involved in tuition reimbursement to parents by stating the following:

"The basic purpose of denominational education is to foster and maintain the teachings of a denominational religion. The religious aspect of the

curriculum must be the principal and dominant reason for the existence of such schools.

"We recognize and agree that the non-public schools are in the finest tradition of our respective heritages; that they are a strong moral force; they provide firm cultural underpinnings to our community and supply outstanding leaders for the preservation of our institutions.

"However much we may approve, however much we may admire the role of non-public education, we cannot substitute such approval, respect and admiration for the plain language of the First Amendment of the United

States Constitution.

Neither any of these reasons nor all of them together alters the plain fact that Section 3317.082 O. R. C., as it permits reimbursements for tuition, will transfer public funds to religiously oriented private schools. These provisions do, therefore, violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and should be permanently enjoined."

The lone dissenter in the Supreme Court was Justice Byron R. White. His position was that he would "note probable jurisdiction and set the case for argument." This does not indicate that he agrees or disagrees with the opinion of the Ohio district court.

Christianity Today: "Who Needs Churches?"

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Christianity Today commented that although they "offer a commendable form of fellowship and outreach... in most situations homes cannot adequately carry out the functions of churches."

The editorial maintained that "meeting in homes easily if unintentionally reinforces social exclusiveness, and a true church for its own good should have a cultural and age mix. Too many people look for churches that suit them; that is, that underscore their own outlooks instead of subjecting themselves to the perhaps beneficial scrutiny of contrasting viewpoints."

On the cost of church construction,

Christianity Today pointed out that "it has never averaged out to more than \$10 per year per church member in the United States. Many of us spend more than that on charcoal for cook-outs." (Federal government statistics indicate that construction of religious buildings totaled \$813 million last year, a drop of \$118 million from 1970, and the lowest figure since 1965's high of \$1,207,000,000.)

So far as charges of "extravagance"

are concerned, the editorial asserted: "Grandeur is not in and of itself evil. Indeed, it can be a part of the worship of God. Even 'status' need not be a spiritual liability. Certainly there is no merit in cheapness and shoddiness per se."

Christianity Today concluded its editorial by saying:

"Church buildings. Who needs them? Christians need them to carry out the Great Commission!"

Bibles Sent To Cuba

The United Bible Societies, through its regional office in Mexico, was able recently to arrange for a delivery of 2,500 Spanish Bibles to Cuba. They were dispatched from the London Bible Center of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Special Request To Pastors

All Mississippi pastors have received a request for information through a reply survey card as to the participation of their church and people in the state-wide 1972 emphasis — "The Spirit of '72 — Sunday School Enlargement Now!" All pastors and churches have been asked to provide information concerning the three months of special recognition: (1) August — People Search or Census; (2) September — Pastor-Led or Director-Led Enlargement — Improvement Campaign; (3) October — Sunday School Training Schools in local churches or associations.

Send reply card or the above information to:
Bryant Cummings, '72 Chairman, P. O. Box 530,
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Mission Opportunities Near You — Your Mission Dollars At Work On The College Campus

William Carey College

A Good laugh helps to relax after the serious pursuit of knowledge. Working on a year-book develops leadership and provides many happy experiences of sharing.

Athletics play a big part in the development of Christian character.

Close bonds that span a lifetime are formed in the close-knit fellowship of a singing group.



Clarke College

Well-stocked libraries are incentives to study. The Low Price Text Building is the scene of many student activities.

All classes, such as Social Science taught by James Spencer, are guided by Christian men and women with a Christian viewpoint and philosophy.

Lasting friendships (and oft-times marriages) find their beginning in the wholesome surroundings of your Baptist colleges.



North, South, East and West in Mississippi your Mission Dollars are at work providing Christian Education through your Baptist colleges. They need and deserve all the help we can give them. Increase your Co-operative Program Gifts.



Mississippi College

Dr. Phil McCarty counsels with a new student. A science major uses some of the equipment in the Hederman Science Building.

An M. C. student provides fun-time for boys and girls from the Children's Village.

A student in the M. C. School of Nursing learns nursing techniques in a lab session.



Blue Mountain College

Governor and Mrs. Bill Waller with BMC President E. Harold Fisher and Student Body President Ann Chamberlain of Grenada. The occasion was the convocation opening the 100th annual session.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Mr. Theron Bryant, Rev. Arthur Leslie, Dr. James L. T. Travis, Rev. Harry Phillips and Dr. E. Harold Fisher were on campus for a student-pastors banquet.

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Some Thoughts On The Jesus Movement

The 15th chapter of the book of Acts tells of the "Jerusalem Conference" in which leaders of the church at Jerusalem called upon Paul and Silas to give an account of their ministry to the Gentiles, since their manner of preaching and teaching had created a clash between themselves and some of the leaders of the Jerusalem church who had visited the same fields. Paul and Barnabas did come to Jerusalem and did meet with the leaders of that church, and there was quite a dispute concerning their ministry. In the discussion, Peter came to their defense, reminding the leaders that he, too, had been called to task by the same group for his ministry at the house of Cornelius. After Paul and Silas had given a full report, showing how the Lord had led them, the brethren in Jerusalem finally gave approval and blessing to their ministry, but urged them to be considerate of Jewish Christians who had not yet come to their same conclusions on the ministry to the Gentiles.

This conference, and its outcome, has come to mind, as we consider the new methods of evangelism being used by some groups today, especially those who are beaming their emphasis toward youth. Sometimes some of us who are older may be tempted to question some of the methods, since they do not exactly conform to those which we and the churches always have used.

This problem certainly comes up in many minds when they are confronted with the modern "Jesus movement." This movement raises serious doubts in the minds of many, concerning some

of the methods being used; and the permanence of the results. Examples of such work is found in the ministries of Arthur Blessitt and Richard Hogue. Arthur is a young Mississippian who has had a remarkable ministry among hippies and other youth in Los Angeles and across the nation, who, at the present time, is carrying on a similar ministry in Europe. Hogue is a young Oklahoman, who now resides in Texas, and who is being used widely across the nation in a ministry called "Spireno," a term which means Spiritual Revolution Now. A "Spireno" revival recently was held in Jackson, and Hogue, himself, is to speak at the Youth Night of our coming convention.

Both of these young men, and there are numerous others like them, are unusual in their evangelistic approach, but are effectively reaching young people wherever they go.

Many of us as older preachers and Christians, are not exactly "turned on" by the new "Jesus Rock" music, and watch with some concern some of the methods being used. Yet, we do not want to be too quick to condemn since, if the Holy Spirit is in this work, we certainly have no desire to oppose it.

As we probe into the ministry of these two young men, we find that they evidently are preaching the true gospel, and that they appear to be calling for true repentance and faith on the part of those who would follow Christ.

This is, of course, what all Christian leaders want to see accomplished. If these young men, and others like them, using new methods, can reach young people whom the older methods cannot reach, then we should not stand in the way. Much better, will it be, that we pray for these men that they may be led of the Spirit in all that they do, and that they may be greatly used of God in bringing people to Him.

Nevertheless, like the members of the Jerusalem council, we would like to say some things to them. These come as admonitions of love and concern.

1. First, we would urge these young men to continue to stay close to the Bible in their preaching, and to strive

diligently to make the plan of salvation so clear that those who come forward will have a true experience of salvation, and not be merely a "number" among those who have made some "decision" in the meetings. After all, there is no experience of salvation unless the seeker actually repents of sin and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his saviour, so that the Holy Spirit can do the work of regeneration.

2. Lead these young people to a proper concept concerning the Jesus they are following. He is not merely a new friend to take unto their bosom, nor simply a popular new leader to be followed. The Lord Jesus Christ is God, and those who come to him must recognize that he is God, and follow him as such.

3. Do give strong emphasis to the place of the New Testament church in Christianity, and to the importance of every person who has been saved, uniting with the church, being baptized into its fellowship, and serving the Lord through it.

4. Do give emphasis to the true meaning of worship, and the holiness of God and the things of God. It is easy in this day of clap-trap activities, to forget that when we worship we are in the presence of God.

5. Do strive to bring appreciation of the great music of the church. We well understand that modern youth are "turned on" by some of the modern music. However, it is probable that much of the modern music is little more than a passing fad, while the great majestic hymns and other music of the church will live on and on.

Even as the leaders at Jerusalem, we have no desire to try to completely change the ministry of these young men who are being so effectively used of God today. Rather, we are urging them, in the wonderful leadership God is giving them with youth, to be sure that leadership is bringing youth out of the shallowness of the world, into the spiritual depths of the majestic presence of God. We want these modern youth movements to be founded upon the rock foundation of Jesus Christ so that they will be everlasting.

Guest Editorial

Limits Lifted On Church Pay Raises

(Christian Index, Ga.)

The attention of deacons and members of budget and finance committees is called to a revision in the regulations of the Economic Stabilization Program which limited salary increases for pastors and church staff members to 5.5 per cent.

This action leaves salary increases for pastors and church staff members to the officers and members of the congregations without review of the federal agency.

In November of 1971, the Economic Stabilization Board of the United States issued a regulation which allowed churches to "increase salaries up to 5.5 per cent including all fringe benefits, but not to exceed 5.5 per cent total increase."

More recently, the Economic Stabil-

ization Board adopted regulations providing "that a firm existing on or before Dec. 31, 1971, with an average of 60 or fewer employees and less than \$50-million in gross annual revenues is exempt from the wage and price controls."

Barney M. Mages, chief of the technical and services branch of the Economic Stabilization Board, in a letter to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, stated that churches are exempt from the 5.5 per cent increase rule under the revised regulation.

He wrote, "A church or other organizations operating independently with an average of 60 or less employees and less than \$50-million in gross annual revenues will qualify for exemption."

THE EXILED PRINCE by Elizabeth Rice Handford (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 102 pp., \$2.29) Written especially for children and young people, this is the story of Daniel from captive lad to prime minister of world empires.

On The MORAL SCENE...

"Crime in the United States, as measured by the Crime Index offenses, increased one percent during the first six months of 1972 compared with the same period in 1971. In 1960 the FBI began issuing quarterly releases on crime in the United States and the percentage increase for a six month period since that time has never been as low as one percent. During the first six months of 1972 the violent crimes as a group were up one percent. Forcible rape increased 14 percent, aggravated assault 6 percent, and murder one percent. Robbery offenses declined 4 percent. The property crimes as a group also rose one percent. Burglary increased 4 percent and larceny \$50 and over was up one percent. Auto theft decreased 4 percent. Cities having 100,000 or more inhabitants reported a 2 percent decrease in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Suburban law enforcement agencies reported a 5 percent increase and crime in the rural areas was up 7 percent. Geographically, the Western States reported an increase of 2 percent. The Northeastern, North Central, and Southern States each reported increases of one percent."

(From Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting bulletin, January-June, 1972)



Wells of the World

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Opposes

Strickland

Article

Dear Dr. Odle:

I sincerely hope that Phil Strickland's sly slick propaganda for George McGovern slipped by your editorial staff without your knowing it.

Of course I am asking you and our church not to send me the Baptist Record any more.

Personally I don't think that the Communists themselves could have exceeded Mr. Strickland's article in cleverness.

Let's take up the part, the statement of the "Man of Biology" where he says, "Strickland's faith? And what has become of the word of God in Phil Strickland's life? Has biology by a lightly educated biologist become Mr. Strickland's God?"

The unavoidable truth, Dr. Odle, is that we can't believe the word of God and the prophets of doom among some addled-brained scientist at the same time. One has to be a lie.

I can assure Phil Strickland that God will decide the time and the day to erase the human race from this earth and nothing man invents or says will alter that time one moment.

As for Strickland's propaganda, I can take up each group of people in this ecological hysteria and show the above gentleman that if it were put into effect tomorrow there wouldn't be 20,000,000 people left alive by the spring of 1973 in this nation.

The truth is we are in more danger from misled groups led by some hysterical publicity seeking people than we are from pollution.

Again, Dr. Odle, let me assure Mr. Strickland that no man can fool God, and that God will decide the day and time to end this world. I have no fear of pollution, atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs or anything the devil can invent.

I have no hard feelings toward you, Dr. Odle. I do pity Phil Strickland because God will require a reckoning for using a paper dedicated to him for political propaganda.

For God first, man next and the truth at all times,

C. F. Peay
Route 3, Box 170 A
Starkville, Miss.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate Mr. Peay's letter concerning the Strickland article, although we do not see any Communist propaganda in it. However, as Mr. Strickland says, it has an implied endorsement of Mr. McGovern, and we regret that this was allowed to get into the Record. Frankly, we goofed! This article was used hurriedly to fill a need for a feature. It was one of four articles by Mr. Strickland, who is Associate Secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. Had we had time to read it more carefully, we would have eliminated the two paragraphs giving implied endorsement of Mr. McGovern. We failed to do that, and we are sorry. The Baptist Record will not knowingly become involved in political issues, although we do not hesitate to speak when moral matters are concerned. We do believe that the present ecological problem is serious and that all Christians and others need to face it. Evidently this is what Mr. Strickland was trying to say. I am sure that he, along with this editor, will agree that the world is still in God's hands and that he will bring the present world system to an end in his own way. I do not think, however, that this relieves man of responsibility concerning it. Now, as far as Mr. Peay's stopping his subscription, we think he will make a mistake to do that. First of all, the Baptist Record is the only publication that will keep him fully informed concerning



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Do you ever come to a moment — or an hour, or a day, — when everything is so completely right that you have the feeling that all your life has been lived for this moment? Or that this is all a part of why you're here?

By the right things I don't mean things like winning the first place trophy, being elected president of your favorite organization, getting the coveted promotion, or making your first million dollars. I mean a time when you are suddenly still in the middle of right things like the bouncing of a basketball on the patio, the laborious pecking out of a song on the piano, the grind of a sanding machine out-back, one end of a telephone conversation, the bubbles of vegetables cooking, nothing fine or fantastic, nothing famous, or fabulous. Just one of those moments when you feel the rightness of life, when you acknowledge the blessings of God.

Do you agree that there are many more of this kind of moments in life than we are conscious of? That we cheat ourselves out of many such times because we do not acknowledge the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within us? The Holy Spirit, a manifestation of God, permeating my heart and mind, serves in much the same way as the fine tuning on our television — to clear away ghosts and shadows and squiggly lines, to help bring in the right hue of colors, to sharpen details, to clear the reception for all the good, right moments of life.

What about the day everything is so wrong? The Holy Spirit works the same way — to tune out the ghosts and shadows and squiggly lines and to clear the way for reception of God's love in the midst of a wrong day.

Jesus showed us — and had a record made of it for us — what a person does on an all-wrong day. Reckon any day was ever more all-wrong for anyone than Jesus' day which ended in his arrest? No whimpering and whining from Him; rather, a heads-up, heartfelt "Thy will." The presence of God on Jesus, though not in the form of a dove as at His baptism, tuned out the ghosts and shadows of fear and the squiggly lines of dread and tuned in the fine details of the love Jesus had for you and me.

While our all-wrong days do not necessarily find us caught up in doing God's will as this day in Jesus' life found Him, it remains that the Holy Spirit dwells in us to love us and to help us and to show us all that is right with life. — Address Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

The only respect some people have for Sunday is to wear their best clothes.

A lady is a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

what is happening and being said among Baptists, and second, we may make another error, which someone needs to catch. We hope he'll continue to read the Record, despite our mistakes.)

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Congratulations!

The Baptist Record joins other Mississippians in saluting Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on the occasion of his election last week to the position of president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Foreign Mission Board is reportedly the largest foreign mission agency in the world today. It has almost 2,600 missionaries under appointment in more than 75 countries around the world, and its 1973 budget will be nearly \$39,000,000.

The choice of Dr. Hudgins as president is a most judicious one by the board. He has been a member of the board for several years, but long before that was a strong supporter of the whole mission program of Southern Baptists. As a pastor, he led his church, First, Jackson for many years, to be, the largest mission giving church in the state, and as executive secretary-treasurer, he has led Mississippi Baptists in an ever increasing support of world missions. He has made visits to numerous foreign mission fields, including one around-the-world trip.

We congratulate both Dr. Hudgins and the Foreign Mission Board in this choice by the board for the coming year. We also congratulate Mississippi on the way that she continues to supply leadership in Southern Baptist life.

NEWEST BOOKS

An Outlined Study Of Galatians by L. E. Green (Published by author, P. O. Box 1493 Pascagoula, Miss., 39567, Mimeographed paper, 41 pp., \$1.25) Dr. L. E. Green, now retired, has continued his practice of many years of preparing a comprehensive outline with notes on the book which has been chosen for the SBC January Bible study. The book for the 1973 study is Galatians. As usual, Dr. Green, has made a thorough study of the book, has prepared a clear, logical outline, and has annotated the verse by verse study with rich comments, interpretations and applications. He has used numerous commentaries, and quotations and references to them are used throughout the study, but he has not failed to bring the clear interpretation out of his own scholarly study and research. Any person who is going to teach the book of Galatians, and even those who simply are going to study it, will find in this outline most helpful in understanding and interpretation of Paul's great letter. A bibliography of important books for use in studying Galatians is included.

CELEBRATE WITH WORDS! by Ruth Vaughn (Broadman, 42 pp.). Fifteen readings, humorous and appreciative to honor special days and people.

SERMON OUTLINES ON THE EPISTLES by Croft M. Penz (Baker, paper, 60 pp., \$1.00). Outlines of sermons on Bible books from Galatians through II Timothy.

HE IS THERE AND HE IS NOT SILENT by Francis A. Schaeffer (Tyndale House, paper, \$1.95, 100 p.).

This book deals with epistemology, or "how we know we know." Dr. Schaeffer, who is founder and director of L'Abri Fellowship in the village of Huemul in the Swiss Alps, demonstrates in this book "that God is an

infinite personal being and communicates with man."

THE THIRD DIMENSION by Rex Humbard (Revell, 154 pp., \$3.95) A series of eighteen sermons by the famed television preacher who pastors the Cathedral of Tomorrow in Akron, Ohio. He believes that America needs revival, a great spiritual renaissance and that it can come only through Christ lived in the home, in the church, in the community and in the world. He stands upon the Bible as God's word and proclaims its message as truth.

THE FUTURE OF THE GREAT PLANET EARTH by Richard S. Hanson (Augsburg, 123 pp., paper, \$2.95) One of the most popular books today is the *Late Great Planet Earth*, a book which has had a very broad sale. The author of this volume does not agree with the conclusions of the author of the best-seller. He does not look upon the Bible visions and prophetic messages as completely apocalyptic. He sees the future as glory for the Christian and the prophetic pictures as promises of victory for God's people. Evidently, his is the amillennial point of view and he interprets from that position.

SWEET PSALMS FOR GOD'S SAINTS by Tom Malone (Sword of the Lord Publishers, \$4.50, 341 pp.) Fifteen messages from favorite Psalms, by the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan.

ME? OBEY HIM? by Elizabeth Rice Handford (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 116 pp., \$2.29) Should a woman always obey her husband? This author says yes. Here Mrs. Handford deals with remarkable clarity and scriptural evidence with this question.

SBC President Gifted With World Vision

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

At Yazoo City the hills dramatically meet the Delta. Not far from the Yazoo River, on one of the highest hills in the vicinity, is a tall and splendid marble building, even more gleaming white than the distant fields of cotton waiting for the pickers. A driveway winds up the steep slope past great spreading trees to the Administration Building of Mississippi Chemical and Coastal Chemical Corporations, farmer's cooperative fertilizer group. Photographs, lithographs, and oil paintings of cotton adorn the lobby — cotton in the field, cotton at the gin, cotton in wagons, on trucks, in the boll, in the bale.

From Room 430, Owen Cooper has a view that is unsurpassed in Mississippi. Beyond the green trees and fields in the foreground, a blue haze hangs over the distant Delta, so that it resembles the sea.

Though the view from the room is broad, the man in the room has a vision that is even broader — one that has made him able to see around the world. President of the chemical corporation, Mr. Cooper is also president of the Southern Baptist Convention. From this room he has originated ideas and drawn up plans that have influenced many nations. Though his plans are always large and often idealistic, he is a practical man who believes in pressing his ideas into effect. Not only does he know how to dream and plan, but he knows how to get things done.

His office decorations reflect his global travels. An intricately designed wooden screen was made in India, employing three men nine months in its carving. Turtles — brass, china, leather, ceramic — are a collection from many countries. A picture of Mt. Fuji represents Japan. Scenes of the Philippines were painted on silk by Mrs. James Foster, missionary.

Looking from his window toward the horizon, Mr. Cooper said, "As a Christian I carry a burden to go to all the world and preach and teach and make disciples." Through his gifts to the Cooperative Program he has found a way as an individual to witness in a local, national, and worldwide program of missions. Through his church and its support of the Cooperative Program he has a part in supporting 2500 missionaries in 76 countries. He believes that the resources for foreign missions work will continue to increase and from these increased resources will come additional missionaries and perhaps a substantial increase in missionary workers of national origin.

Also he feels that in the future there will be more vocational missionaries, such as agricultural missionaries and educational missionaries.

Too, in the United States, he says, opportunities for missionary expansion have by no means been exhausted. For instance, a man in Pennsylvania told him that at least 200 more churches could be organized in his area right away, if resources were available for doing so.

Most Mississippians know that Owen Cooper is president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Yet many may not know that he is also vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, a fellowship of Baptist men in the Western Hemisphere.

Quite a few may not know that he is state chairman for the Mississippi March of Dimes; member of the Board of Directors, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Washington, D. C.; and member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Some do not know that he has been president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; president of the Mississippi Economic Council; member of the Board of Directors, National Association of Manufacturers; chairman of the Board of Trustees, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; member of the Board of Trustees, Baptist Hospital; and chairman of the Executive Committee, SBC.

Most do not realize the extent of his involvement in widely diversified causes, especially in youth and Baptist student work, lay involvement, home mission outreach, foreign mission expansion, increasing financial support of the total church program, and Christian education. (And if his cause is not a popular one, he does not let that deter him.)

Many do not know he was chairman of the Laymen's Committee for the Crusade of the Americas; that he was one of the key men who initiated the "Mississippi Adopts Montana" mission effort and has been a prime "mover of mountains" in the ongoing of that movement; that he is a director of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited; that he was the only layman in a preaching mission to South America; that he was one of the founders of the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association. All of these interests and many similar ones clearly reveal his worldwide outlook.

One would wonder how he finds time to do all that he does. He chuckles, "I sleep well, and my wife makes me eat well!" To start every day, he gets up early, drinks a cup of much diluted hot tea, and reads for a while. More seriously, he continues, "I work long hours and I like what I do. Enjoying what I do helps me get more

done. Then, too, a lot of these things do not actually require the doing myself, but I can do the planning and then delegate responsibilities to others." He knows how to encourage and guide others in the projects which he initiates. Since his leisure time is spent in church work, he supposes that church work could be called his hobby or avocation.

Yazoo County adjoins Warren County, where Owen Cooper was born on a farm eight miles northeast of Vicksburg. His father, William Samuel Cooper, native of Kentucky, was a Baptist, and his mother, Melana Head Cooper, native of Mississippi, was a Presbyterian.

His earliest memory of church is attending "Children's Day" in one Bethlehem Church, traveling in a horse-drawn vehicle. The first preacher he can remember hearing was Webb Brame, who 35 years later became his pastor in Yazoo City.

While Cooper was in high school he heard a Presbyterian evangelist, E. J. Bulgin, in Vicksburg in a temporary tabernacle with sawdust floor. During this meeting he accepted Christ as his Savior and professed him publicly.

As his father was in the dairy business, he and his two brothers milked cows twice a day every day. Because of his duties at the dairy, he did not then seek to join a church. For seven months of his freshman year at Mississippi State University, he attended a Presbyterian church. Meanwhile he was reading his Bible and seeking a church relationship that would be most meaningful to him. This search resulted in his being baptized at First Baptist Church of Starkville in April, 1926.

At college he was active in BSU and YMCA and during the 1927-28 session was state BSU president. In 1929 he graduated from State, with a B. S. in agriculture, and the next year went to Leland to teach school. He tells in Dr. Odle's book, *Why I Am A Baptist*, that he took with him to Leland a Bible, a catalog of the Law School of the University of Mississippi, and a catalog of Southern Seminary. Yet he decided neither to go to the Ole Miss Law School nor to the seminary.

He believes that God's call is not

restricted to the ministry or the field of Christian education or to the field of church music, but that God has a plan or purpose for every life. He believes that every Christian should perform the role of Christian servant. Thus, he has become what he terms a "lay minister," and in all his relationships "seeks to magnify the name of Christ."

After five years at Leland he moved to Oxford and in 1936 was awarded the Master of Arts in political science and economics, from the University of Mississippi. Then he lived for thirteen years in Jackson, working for the state government and the Farm Bureau. In 1949 he took up residence in Yazoo City. Eleven years later he was to receive the LL.D. degree from Mississippi College.

Ordained in First Church, Jackson, he has been a deacon for 36 years and a Sunday school teacher and officer for 35 years, and was Training Union director for five years.

When he was elected SBC president he got a telegram from Dr. William Hall Preston (who was for 34 years an associate in the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville), saying: "Congratulations again! Forty-five years ago I congratulated you on your becoming president of the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi!"

Possibly Dr. Preston remembers another episode in the life of Owen Cooper, for he had a hand in getting Mr. Cooper and his wife to be together. At that time, Cooper was thirty and an eligible bachelor living in Jackson. He was "self-appointed" BSU director at Belhaven and Millsaps and was teaching a Sunday school class at First Baptist Church. Elizabeth Thompson of Madison, Georgia, BSU director at Louisiana Tech, was invited to come to Mississippi College to speak at a banquet. Dr. Preston, who was in the city teaching a study course, connived with Dr. Chester Swor to see that Owen met Elizabeth. The matchmaking succeeded, and the wedding took place September 2, 1938, the same year Mr. Cooper completed his work at the Jackson School of Law.

The Coopers have five children. four daughters and a son. Nancy, mother of twins, lives in Jackson, where her husband is an attorney and she works with "Operation Shoe-string." Mary Carolyn directs a kindergarten in Greensboro, N. C.; her husband is head of the Department of Religion of the University of North

Carolina in Greensboro. Owen, Jr. works with a florist in Albany, New York. Elizabeth is married to a professor at the University of Connecticut and is the mother of a five-month-old daughter; she is working on her dissertation for a doctorate. Frances Ann is married to a medical doctor in his third year of residency at the University Hospital in Jackson; she is computerizing the medical library for University Hospital.

Mr. Cooper's children have studied at thirteen different colleges and universities and in eight states and two other countries—France and Germany. All his sons—in-law have doctorates—one, M. D., one Doctor of Jurisprudence, and two Ph.D.s.

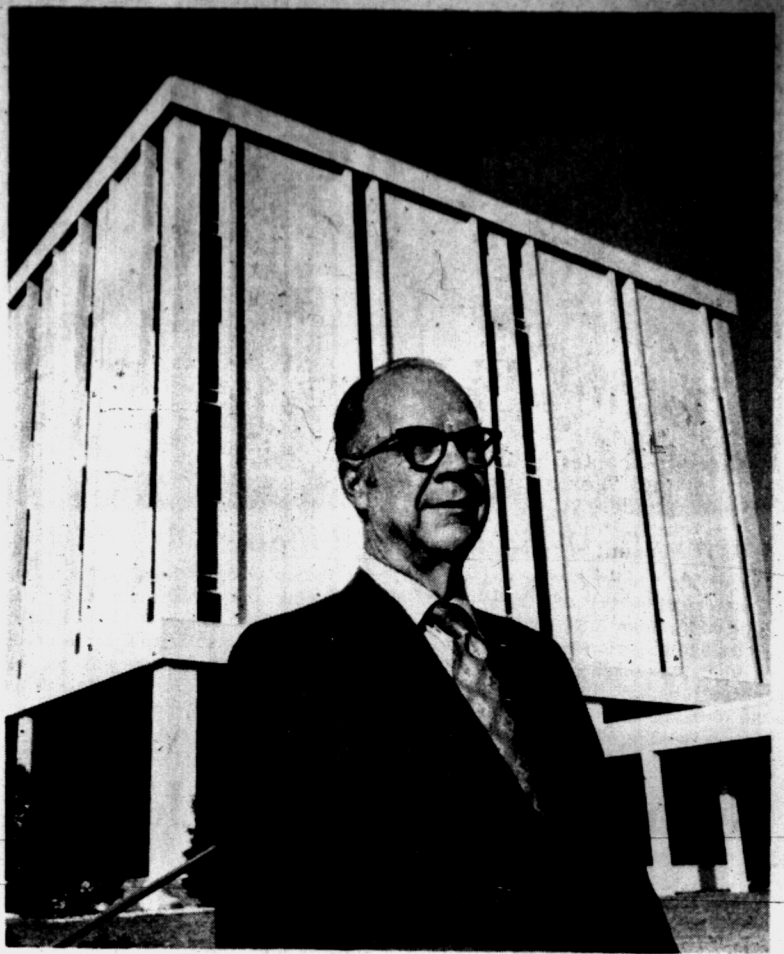
As Southern Baptist Convention president, what goals would he most like to achieve? Shortly after election, he said, "At this point I do not have any set goals and programs. As large as the Southern Baptist Convention program is, and of such great magnitude, I would not dare say how it should all be run. I would not say to the Foreign Mission Board, 'This is the way to do your work,' or to the Sunday School Board, 'This is the way to do your work.' However, I feel that the things in which I have had experience, in which I have widest knowledge, will capture my interest and attention and I will find myself serving most in those areas. I feel I would identify with the lay program, the Win program of witnessing, youth programs, special mission offerings, planning for increased contributions to missions, and post-retirement opportunities for Christian service."

Enlarging on the latter, he explained, "Eight thousand Southern Baptists reach 65 each year. If one percent of those were available for Christian service, that would mean 80 people who could work in missions after they retire. They could start training for mission service by the age of 60. For instance, a missionary in Korea wrote that he needed a maintenance man. Some maintenance man could be trained prior to retirement time, so he would be ready to go into mission service like this at retirement. The Ellisons of Yazoo City are serving for a year in Jerusalem in an English-language church. In projects such as building churches and organizing missions, retired people, as well as young people, can help."

Concerning the participation of young people in the activities of the denomination, he said, "Baptists

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Mr. Cooper admires the view from the front of the Administration Building of Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corporations in Yazoo City.

should be increasingly conscious that boards and committees and messengers should include and be representative of different age groups, sexes, and ethnic groups."

More laymen may be enlisted in future, he suggests, through the Win program; by the increasing number of churches developing outreach such as the bus ministry; through local missions; the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board; medical clinics; youth centers; Bible study; rehabilitation houses; and through family counseling.

Why does he think it important that laymen be involved in the work of the church and the denomination? He answers, "The Christian life has within it a self-regenerating quality. As it is committed, as it is used, as it is involved (including worship, Bible study, personal devotion), these actions regenerate or renew the spiritual strength and spiritual satisfaction of the person involved. Without involvement, these spiritual qualities deteriorate and degenerate."

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The president of the SBC is a brilliant financier, a generous giver, a wise steward of time, an excellent speaker, an unexcelled salesman, an unassuming, gracious man—and a storehouse of knowledge. He has met and remembers names of countless people all over the world. And as one writer aptly put it, "He spouts facts like a computer." He not only knows facts, but knows how and when to use them. He not only knows people, but cares about them, and winning people to Christ is to him of utmost concern.

The view from his office window is broad, but the man looking out sees much, much farther than the distant horizon.

Dr. Woodson Retires

Columbus Pastor Returns To Native State

By Berkley Hudson of Columbus

Senior Journalism Major, Ole Miss The Allied Van Lines packing boxes were stacked on top of each other beside the clean, empty bookshelves along the wall. The large desk almost was empty except for a hollowed out gourd. "Tennessee Special," S. R. Woodson read the blue lettering on the gourd. The rest of the room had a clean, but empty, look. If on Saturday, September 23, you had walked through the outer offices that led into the pastor's study at Columbus' First Baptist Church and then looked into the study, you might have thought someone was moving. You would have been right.

Dr. S. R. Woodson and his wife were moving back to retire in Jackson, Tenn. His boyhood home is at Malesus, Tenn.

Over 25 years ago, Dr. Woodson came to Columbus' First Baptist and he preached his first sermon there on "How To Deal With Life Successfully." With that same sermon he ended his ministry there on September 24. "I thought it would be well to end it as I started," Dr. Woodson says.

Dr. Woodson was born in 1907 on a farm near Jackson, Tenn., and says he became interested in the ministry while he was a senior in high school. "I had a pastor, Dr. L. R. Hogan, who was a graduate of Columbia University and a professor at Union University and was pastor at the village church. He was a great inspiration in my life, and he talked often about young people doing what God wanted them to do," the pastor says.

As a Union University ministerial student in Jackson, Tenn., Dr. Woodson began preaching at the age of 19. "They called me 'the boy preacher,'" he says recalling his early preaching days.

He served his first church at Lenoxx, Tenn., as he served others while he was a student. "I commuted on weekends and did my school work in the week. My ministry largely consisted of filling the pulpit and maybe visiting some people," says Dr. Woodson. He had his first full time pastorate at Whitville, Tenn.

After being in Whitville for three and a half years, Dr. Woodson moved to First Baptist of Humboldt, Tenn. "That was quite a step up for me because I was only 27 years of age and the Humboldt church had on several occasions led the Tennessee Baptist Convention in gifts to missions."

He remained there for 12 years, and during that period he was on the Tennessee Baptist Convention board and executive committee.

From Humboldt, Dr. Woodson came in August 1947 to his final church home in Columbus. During these years he and his wife have had what he called a "wonderful relationship" with First Baptist Church.

Since coming to Columbus, Dr. Woodson not only has been a pastor and a preacher but he also managed to serve on various Southern Baptist boards. Twice he has been the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He has been on the board of trustees at Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, Miss., and director of the board of Golden Gate Seminary in San Francisco, Cal. He is currently on the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission.

Served on Various Boards

Not only did Dr. Woodson serve on various boards, but he often conducted revivals — rural revivals, urban revivals and even foreign revivals. Once in Argentina he had an interpreter to relay his message of Christianity. "It was a little awkward until we really got started. I had a very good interpreter. We went from town to town at the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Of course I was a curiosity in South America because North Americans never appeared there," he says of his Foreign Mission Board sponsored revivals.

Staying in one church for 25 years has its advantages, Dr. Woodson says. "When you stay in a place you know

what people will do, and you know what they will not do, and you know how they think. I think you lose possibly the flair of a new beginning, but you continue, and there's more stability." Being a pastor has been rewarding for Dr. Woodson. Counseling with his congregation members has been part of the reward. "There have been scores of people with marital problems, and we have helped them to find a basis for solving their problems. The most rewarding experience that any pastor has is to lead someone to Jesus Christ," he says.

Not the type of person to be bothered by frustrations, Dr. Woodson says, "When you've done your best, that's where you leave it. That's pretty well my philosophy. As a result I've been able to sleep and not worry. But I've had a great sense of security where I've been. You'd have to be a pastor to really appreciate this."

Before leaving, Dr. Woodson was asked by First Baptist deacons to conduct the Lord's Supper service at a September worship service. This was unusual because the service is usually held on the first Sunday of each quarter. Recalling his first Lord's Supper, Dr. Woodson says, "They did not have the individual communion glasses we have today. They had a silver chalice and embroidered linen cloth on the Lord's Supper table. And as I turned, I came around and hit one of those glasses filled with grape juice. It turned over on the table."

In viewing the changes in preaching over the years, Dr. Woodson, who has known most of the contemporary Southern Baptist leaders, says,



Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Woodson

"People are grasping for more, and they're facing more problems." Prosperity and scientific developments have caused many problems, he says. "Years ago a man lived his life and never got outside of the county. But now people find the world a neighborhood," he says.

Since religion is not as strong in the home today as it was in years past Dr. Woodson says churches must be alert and cannot be isolated. He mentioned that the First Baptist Church is establishing a clothing center for needy children. He said children also receive Christian literature when they are given clothing.

Says Change is Occurring

Although Dr. Woodson says Southern Baptists are conservative, he says a change is occurring in emphasis "to relate to the world in which we live. You'll notice there is an upsurge among the Southern Baptist Convention on the question of ministry and outreach. I think the Southern Baptists are making the strongest efforts of our entire history to reach out."

Dr. Woodson says there have been two major changes in Columbus that have affected First Baptist. He says fewer college students from Mississippi State College for Women now attend First Baptist because they go home on weekends. He also says that when he first came to Columbus the town had two other small Baptist churches. Now there are 11 Baptist churches in the town.

The First Baptist Church has grown both physically and spiritually under the guidance of Dr. Woodson, says Warren Trussell, First Baptist minister of education for the last seven and a half years. But Trussell says he thinks the most significant measure of Dr. Woodson's work is that 16 individuals from the church have gone into full time church-related work. Dr. Woodson gives Mrs. Woodson the credit for this. He says most of the 16 were at one time in her Training Union.

Dr. Woodson, who married his wife after they were both graduated from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, says, "A preacher's wife has possibly a more difficult task than a preacher. Mrs. Woodson, for many years the counselor of young people's Training Union, has been very active in WMU (Woman's Missionary

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Carterville Dedicates New Building

Carterville Church, Petal dedicated its new buildings on October 1. Including a new auditorium and new educational building the total investment will total more than \$150,000. Church property value which stood at \$37,000 three years ago now stands at over \$200,000 which includes an additional three acres of land purchased for future expansion. The dedication service was led by the pastor, Rev. Leland M. Hogan, with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins delivering the message and Dr. Joel Ray, superintendent of missions for Lebanon Association, leading the prayer of dedication.

Graham Is Quizzed By Johnny Carson On Wide Ranging Issues

LOS ANGELES (EP) — Television's Johnny Carson quizzed Evangelist Billy Graham on 12 current topics for 40 minutes in Los Angeles on the entertainer's Sept. 13th show, receiving in return an evangelical's viewpoint on wide-ranging issues.

In his appearance on the late night talk show, Dr. Graham confided that he had been offered the nomination for a U. S. Senatorial position, positions on the staff of two Presidents of the United States, but has turned them all down because "God called me to preach." He said he is considering accepting a TV news flash program offered by network officials and will make his decision Jan. 1.

The evangelist acknowledged the widespread interest in the charismatic movement but personally does not hold the view that the phenomenon is

equated with the filling of the Holy Spirit. He said he considers it a gift, but one of the least of the gifts, surfacing in churches which hitherto have had a lack of feeling in their worship.

If there were not Christianity, the evangelist said, in reply to a question, he would be a Jew. "Judaism believes in the Messiah... and in the Kingdom of God on earth," he said. "We believe the Messiah has come in the person of Jesus Christ, and that's our difference — but it's not much."

Are there civilizations on other planets? Yes, the preacher held, "but all of it under the direction of the Supreme Being." He cited the testimony of Helen Keller when the concept of God was introduced. "I knew Him," she said, "but I didn't know His name." Dr. Graham added that atheism is "very small" in the Soviet Union today, and that in China Presidential Adviser Henry Kissinger testified that one communicates with Communist Chinese on a theological basis.

To a question asking his view on pornography, Dr. Graham replied: "I'm against censorship... but I'm also against the moral sewers running down our streets. We all know what obscenity is, but we can't define it. Gambling is wrong mostly, he said, "because of the things that go with it, such as prostitution and gangsterism. The gambler usually hurts himself the most."

Racial prejudice, religious wars, and evil naturally grow out of an unregenerated heart, he said. The follower of Jesus Christ is characterized by love. Once Great Britain criticized the U. S. and its racial strife, he pointed out, but England today is having demonstrations against an influx of Pakistanis and is experiencing like trouble in that area with the U. S.

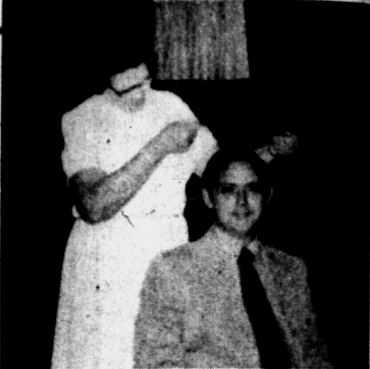
Dr. Graham said his next crusade will be in Nagaland — a country inhabited by former headhunters whose citizenship today is 70 per cent Christian.

"This may be the largest crusade we've ever held," he said.

Other topics discussed were drugs, witchcraft, recreation, primitive religions, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, and the return of Jesus Christ.



Carey Chapel Buys Bus, Begins Building Addition
Carey Chapel (Marshall) has bought a bus, left, and started a bus ministry, highly successful already. Bus minister John Carr reports \$541 riding the bus. Carl Cothern and Winford Murphy alternate as drivers. After dedication of the bus to the Lord's service there was a ground breaking for first phase of a new addition to the building. Participating in the groundbreaking, in photo at right: 1 to r, John Carr, associate pastor, Carl Teel, Johnny Teel, Maynard Teel, Sam Anderson Sr., Howard Gardner, Sam Anderson Jr., Curtis Teel and Rev. James Nance, pastor. Wilbur Godsey, a member of the church, is contractor.

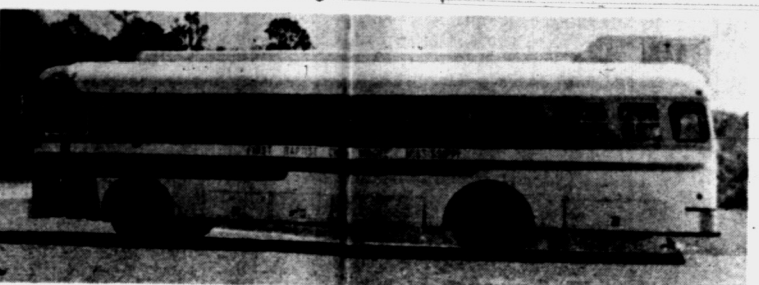


Two Celebrations At Ora

Two celebrations took place at Ora Church on September 3. It was record-breaking day in church training. To symbolize the breaking of the previous attendance record, church training director (standing), Mrs. Ruby Rogers, broke a phonograph record over the pastor's head (seated) Rev. Emory G. May. It marked the highest attendance in Ora Church since he became pastor there. A second event was the awarding of a silver brooch to Mrs. Mattie Williams for her faithfulness in playing the instruments for Ora Church. September 3 marked her 25th year of being one of the musicians for the church. There was a fellowship to celebrate the occasion, Mrs. Williams and Pastor May are in photo at right.



Lowrey Memorial Church
Lowrey Memorial Church has been the setting for an annual Family Night Harvest Season Feast, honoring students of Blue Mountain College, since 1951. Shown at left is Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of the church, and at back, right, Joe Hardin Guyton, chairman of "adoption of students" plan for 1972. Students shown receiving plates are Sherry Howell of Jackson, freshman, and right, Doris Jacks of Falkner, junior. Lowrey Memorial families "adopt" students for each year.



First, Magee, Buys New Bus

A new bus recently was bought by the Sunday School of First Church, Magee. In this photograph, a group of small children from the Mission Friends organization is making a "trial run." The \$22,775 bus was built by Blue Bird Body Company, Ft. Valley, Georgia; it includes high back activity seats, tinted glass, air brakes, power steering, six speed automatic transmission, eight track stereo with AM-FM radio, inside-outside PA system, under seat luggage bins, interior luggage racks, and air-conditioning. Rev. Oliver C. Lanier is pastor.



Rev. E. L. Howell, director, Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker recently to the Baptist Men of First Church, Senatobia. The special occasion was Ladies' Night. Mrs. Howell also attended the meeting, as well as a large group of Senatobia men and their wives. Mr. Howell, who spoke on the subject, "God Calls Men," is pictured above left with **Howard Carpenter** of the Northwest Mississippi Junior College faculty.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers Jr., missionaries, should have first class mail addressed to Baptist Mission, Adv. Team 1, FRAC, APO San Francisco 96349. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers are Mississippians. Born in Chalchabate, he grew up in Skene; she is the former Antoinette (Toni) Alexander of Boyle.

When the Mississippi Baptist State Convention meets at First Church, Jackson, November 14-16, an Annuity Board representative will be on hand to confer with both members and non-members of the Southern Baptist Protection Program. **Darold H. Morgan**, president, will attend the three day meeting in Jackson.

Miss Mary Cannon, missionary to Japan, was scheduled to arrive Oct. 14 for furlough in the States (address: Apt. 203, 212 E. Ponce de Leon, Decatur, Ga. 30030). Born in Asheville, N. C., Miss Cannon is the twin sister of Mrs. Dan Hall of Jackson, Ms.

Evelyn Ruth Daniel Berry, secretary-treasurer and director, Berry Engineering Company, Inc., Long Beach, has been named an Associate Chairman for the 32nd annual interfaith National Bible Week, November 19-26. It was announced by Dr. Paul W. McCracken, National Chairman. Mrs. Berry is a native of Corinth, Miss. She studied at the University of Texas and began her career in Austin, Texas. When her husband died in 1964, she became owner and manager of the company which designs and manufactures electrical control equipment and system.

Dr. Woodson - - -

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Union), and taught Sunday School. She's been the person who has kept me in touch with my work. Just to be a preacher's wife and answer the telephone is difficult."

Mrs. Woodson simply replies, "I've just been his wife. Everybody has phones to answer, but it is different being a pastor's wife. You're into people's joys and sorrows. You're such a part of the lives of your people."

Mrs. Woodson says she's not excited about leaving Columbus but she is excited about going to Tennessee to live in their first own home. At one time Dr. Woodson had over 3100 members in his First Baptist congregation. Now First Baptist has about 1600 active members on roll. Trussell says the membership decline is due to a purging of the rolls several years ago.

One of those 1600 members, a deacon, said, "If you could say such a thing, he was a better pastor than a preacher. He was the first man there when anything happened to anyone in that congregation. He lived his religion and the secret of his success was that the more he rose in life the more humble he became. You couldn't help but feel that being around him. He's what you call 'all wool and a yard wide.'"

On his last Sunday behind the pulpit, Dr. Woodson, wearing his glasses, a dark suit, a light shirt, dark tie, and white carnation and standing over 6 ft. and weighing almost 200 pounds, was recognized by the community and church as being "all wool and a yard wide."

A deacon praised Dr. Woodson and said, "He came from a humble home. He came from right down dirt farm country in Tennessee. Characteristically, Dr. Woodson will not fully retire. He plans to serve as a pulpit supply and interim pastor."

During the last few days of Dr. Woodson's stay in Columbus, he and Mrs. Woodson were the recipients of a "love" gift of over \$20,000 from the church and they also received numerous gifts from individuals in the church and community. On their last Sunday of service they were given a reception by the church and were also the guests of honor at a luncheon provided by the deacons and their wives and guests.

As he returns to Tennessee, Dr. Woodson will take the good that recently was given to him anonymously by a church member. He says, "I guess I'm going back up in Tennessee and start eating country ham and drinking water out of the spring."

"The more you listen to political speeches, the more you realize why America is called the Land of Promise." — S. H. Farrington, Harvey (N. Dak.) Herald.

Dr. N. H. McCrummen, president of Judson College, Marion, Ala., has announced the appointment of **Dr. William D. Murray** as academic dean. Dr. Murray has been dean of the college at Louisiana College for the past six years. He is married to the former Geraldine Wall of Osyka, Ms.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. McGlamery, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart Sept. 26 for Gaza (address: Baptist Hospital, Gaza, Israel). He is a native of Supply, Okla.; she is the former Orlene Ellis of Ackerman, Miss.

Sammy Chisolm, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Chisolm of Jackson, was recently called by First Church, Macon, as minister of youth. A graduate of Forest Hill High School in Jackson, he is a sophomore this year at Clarke College. Rev. Hugh L. Poole is the Macon pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood, missionaries, to Argentina, are the parents of a second child, Robert Bryan, born Sept. 10. They may be addressed at Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are natives of Mississippi.



Neshoba Leaders Promote Bible Explorers' Drill

Adults play an important role in enlisting and working with children and youth who participate in the Bible Explorers' Drill and Youth Bible Drill. Last year five churches in Neshoba Association had children participating in the drills. Pictured above are the person who were instrumental in promoting the Bible Explorers' Drill last year in the churches of Neshoba Association, according to Superintendent of Missions, Kermit Sharp. Front row: Miss Ruth Matthews, North Calvary Church; Mrs. Jeffie Jackson, Spring Creek Church; Mrs. Bobby Hardy, Coldwater Church. Back row: Michael Clay, Pine Grove Church; Mrs. Winnie Kingsberry, First Church, Philadelphia.

In one short week alone Baptists, through their Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, produce and distribute more than 1,800 hours of religious, public service programming. This is more than enough material to program 10 full-time radio or television stations 24 hours a day.



Mars Hill Burns Note

Mars Hill Church, Leake County, recently held a noteburning ceremony, signifying that the church is debt-free. Left to right are Rev. Leroy Callahan, pastor; Obamon Tucker, deacon; A. C. Dowell, deacon; and E. H. Blocker, chairman of deacons.

Good Hope Calls Pastor

Rev. J. E. "Jim" Waller has accepted the call and assumed duties as pastor of Good Hope Church in Purvis. Prior to his call to Good Hope, he was pastor of Derby Church, Poplarville. He is also a student at William Carey College.

A native of College Park, Georgia, he is a graduate of Brewton - Parker Baptist Junior College. He has served as pastor of Garfield church, Garfield, Georgia, and Snow Hill Church, Alamo, Georgia.

During his ministry at Derby, the church entered a long-range building program, adopted a record budget, broke all Sunday School and Church Training attendance records, increased average Sunday School attendance over 150%, and baptized a record number of converts.

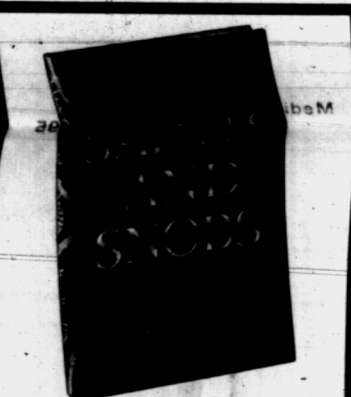
Mrs. Waller is the former Romona Allen of College Park, Georgia. The Wallers have one child, Tammy, 3.

Gary Edwards has accepted the call of the Grace Church, Vicksburg, as minister of music and youth. Mr. Edwards has served in this capacity with the Van Winkle Chapel, Jackson; First Church, Tifton, Georgia; Riverview Church, Jacksonville, Florida; and Immanuel Church, Vicksburg. He goes to Grace Church from Woodstock Park Church, Jacksonville, Florida. **Dr. Henry E. Hight** is the pastor of Grace Church.

Rev. Terry Bonham, pastor of 19th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has resigned to go to McDowell Road Church, Jackson, as minister of evangelism and assistant pastor.

New staff members in Lebanon Association are **Toby Rowell**, minister of music and education at Petal-Harvey; **Russell Williamson**, minister of youth and music at 19th Avenue; **Dr. Jerry Oswalt**, pastor of Providence Church; **Rev. Jimmy Willy**, pastor at Grace Chapel; and **Jerry Watts**, youth worker at McLaurin.

Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, was guest speaker for the men's prayer retreat at Johnson State Park September 29 for male church staff members. This was held in connection with the James Robison Crusade in Hattiesburg September 24-30.



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Names In The News

Rachel Warnick has received a nine-year pin and **Pam Curry** a ten-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday school at Arbor Grove Church, Chickasaw County. Billy Whitt is Sunday school director and Joyce Whitt is associate director. Rev. L. P. Lee is pastor.

Darrell C. Richardson, editor of special materials of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission since December 1969 resigned effective October 1 to devote full time to free lance writing.

Patricia E. Farmer of Independence, Mo., has become the first recipient of the Thelma Olney Kite nursing scholarship. She is a sophomore at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. The scholarship was established at William Jewell by Bill O. Kite in memory of his first wife, a nurse, who died in an auto crash in Zambia in October 1970. The couple had been appointed missionaries 2½ years earlier by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The Sinful Exploitation Of Race

Genesis 1:26-27; Luke 10:25-37; Acts 10:34-35; Galatians 2:11-14; Ephesians 2:11-18; Colossians 3:1-11

By Clifton J. Allen

Race relations is one of the serious issues of our time. To recognize this fact is not to be an alarmist. The Bible does have abundant teaching of utmost relevance to the matter of race. Our lesson passages emphasize the following: All persons are created in the image of God; every person, irrespective of race, merits worth and dignity; love for neighbor is the Christian pattern for race relations; race is not a factor in acceptance before God; all racial discrimination is to be swallowed up in the redemption of Christ; the example and teaching of Christ will guide toward a Christian solution of this problem.

The Lesson Explained
THE STANDARD IS LOVE
(Luke 10:25-28)

The question put to Jesus by the lawyer sprang from a bad motive. But Jesus accepted it as an honest question about eternal life and then let the lawyer answer his own question. The lawyer quoted the two commandments about love (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18), love for God and love for neighbor. But then the lawyer wanted to justify himself and asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responded by telling the parable of the good Samaritan. We must keep

the truth of the parable in mind as we try to understand the relationship between love for God and love for man. If we do, we discover the basic reality and standard to guide race relations and to protect against the sinful exploitation of race. To love God with all the capacities of one's being puts one in such harmony with God that he feels toward all other persons somewhat as God feels toward them. One cannot love God supremely without loving his neighbors, whom God loves irrespective of race or merit or goodness or anything. There cannot be genuine love for another person if there is prejudice against him or a feeling that he is inferior as a human being or a feeling of hostility toward him.

One's neighbor is in a very real sense every other person. The relationship which binds persons together according to the purpose of God must be one of unconditional love, active goodwill, and concern that God's desire for every man be realized in that person's life.

GOD IS NOT PARTIAL
(Acts 10:34-35)

Simon Peter's vision on the housetop in Joppa prepared him to receive the messengers from Cornelius and to return with them to Caesarea. God had shown Peter that he should not think of any man as common or unclean. When Cornelius had explained how God had led him to send for Peter, Peter began his sermon with one of the most tremendous declarations of truth in the New Testament: "God is no respecter of persons." A better translation is, "God shows no

partiality." This penetrating insight sprang from the very heart of God's revelation in Christ. God loves all men. God has respect for all persons regardless of race as well as regardless of their sinfulness and unworthiness. He looks on every individual of every race as a person of immeasurable worth and dignity, one with capacity to become a child of God through faith in Christ, one who deserves the highest status of personhood, one who should never be degraded or exploited or thwarted because of the color of his skin or any other circumstance of his humanity. Worth in the sight of God is determined by what a person is, not how he looks or the place where he lives or the level of his culture or the amount of his money.

DISTINCTIONS DISAPPEAR IN CHRIST (Gal. 2:11-14; Col. 3:11)

When Peter came to Antioch he fell a victim to his prejudice against Gentiles. At first he was willing to eat with them as true brothers in Christ. But when criticism arose from some who had come from Jerusalem, Peter became afraid and segregated himself with the Jews. Even Barnabas fell a victim to the same spirit. Paul with Christian love and courage, rebuked Peter openly. A principle of the gospel was at stake, the fact that racial distinctions disappear in Christ. Grace is for all men. The new man in Christ should see himself and other persons in the light of Christ's redemption for all men. In the light of his redemption racial and social distinctions do not count. If we are open to him and responsive to him



to the point that he becomes all and if all, we shall be open toward one another for worship and ministry and work.

Truths to Live By

The exploitation of race is wrong in the sight of God. — It takes place when commercial or social or political power structures take advantage of racial handicaps or racial prejudices for the sake of power and gain. But perhaps the greatest and most devastating exploitation of race results from trying to perpetuate the false idea that there is an inherent difference in human beings because of race, that race in and of itself makes one an inferior or a superior person. As Christians we can look up on every person as one for whom Christ died and therefore on a level with us, for we too are redeemed by his blood; and we can pray for the time soon to come when men everywhere shall know that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free.

The racial revolution demands that we follow the way of love. — Persons are not things or tools. They ought not to be victims. They ought not to be thought of as black or white or some other color. For Christ's sake we can think of them as brothers in the family of humanity and as potential brothers in the redeemed family of God. The power of Christian love can help to overcome the animosity and violence conducive to revolution. But Christians must recognize the demands for service and sacrifice and suffering in the genuine manifestation of Christian love, and they must recognize the necessity for hard work to combat social ills which inn the flames of revolution. And along with it all, Christians must be willing to come under the judgment of God as they seek the pouring out of the Spirit of God on a repentant people. The command of Christ that we should love one another, even our enemies, should be sufficient to constrain us to follow his example.

The rock beneath. — Sometimes people forget that the tests that come can be won; then they become stepping stones in time of need. Someone once asked how a certain person was able to bear different troubles. The person replied that every kind of crisis had been won already. Each just used a different procedure.

There are all kinds of tests and each is different but they all have solutions in our faith in God.

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Abraham Meets The Crisis Of Faith

Gen. 22:1 - 19

By Bill Duncan

One night I went out to the airport in Jackson to help a friend catch a plane. Walking back down the corridor, I saw a family looking out a dark window toward a plane where passengers were boarding. The father was a mortician and we had served in several funerals together. I walked over and spoke to him and he recognized a note of emotion in his voice. I asked if he had someone on the plane and he began to tell me that his son was on that plane going into the Navy. He told how that this was the boy's first time to go away from home. The entire family was in tears by this time. The two sisters, although young, seemed to sense the crisis of the family. I stood with them and wept inside for them until we could no longer see any of the plane's lights.

As I drove the short distance to the house, I thought that here was a man who lived with death, but I had never seen him upset. But the boy going away from home had brought on a crisis. The family believed he would be fine but still their love was very evident.

Abraham did not have but one son and now God was asking him to give him up. This was a special son who was the link between the father and a great nation. There were plans and ideals that had been set forth around the boy's future. If God wanted him as a human sacrifice, how could Abraham say No? The parents loved the boy and they loved God.

The place that God instructed Abraham to offer Isaac was Mt. Moriah. On the appointed day, the faithful father and the group set out with Isaac to the mountain. Somewhere along the way Isaac asked the piercing

question, "My Father, behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" There are some questions that you cannot answer no matter how hard you try. But the man of faith, Abraham, answered, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering." How could God provide a sacrifice? Only faith would believe such a promise.

Abraham was able to proceed with the ordeal in such a way that God and the readers of the Bible are convinced that he would offer the son if necessary. He passed the severest test of all, the willingness to trust God enough not to withhold even his own son. I think this was possible only because of faith.

When Abraham and Isaac arrived at the foot of Mt. Moriah the servants were told by Abraham, "Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." The father said with a plural verb, we will come back. Did he believe that God would raise him from the dead? He believed that God would work it out.

Crisis will come in every family. What can one do? God wants one place — the place where we love him more than anyone, or anything else. This is how we present ourselves as a living sacrifice. If people will be faithful and loving to God most of the crises will work out. Where we get in trouble is trying to look out for our selfish interests.

In the book, *Suggestions for Thought*, the story by Florence Nightingale is presented. The story of an imprisoned girl ends with the death of the heroine. It is written in part autobiographical. Here is a thought. "Let neither name nor date be placed on her grave, still less the expression of regret or of admiration; but simply the words, I believe in God."

Faith that helps during crisis is one that is in touch with reality. A doctor walked into the room of a patient and he was dressing as if he were going home. The doctor was amazed and asked what was going on. The patient said that he had got up that morning and shook hands with reality and he was ready to face the world. If we are to face the world and its test, we must begin by looking at ourselves and those around us. Faith that is helpful will point to God and the ways of help.

Faith is and must be a leap into the dark. Faith is taking the risk, venturing all on your hope, going forward in confidence and assurance in God.

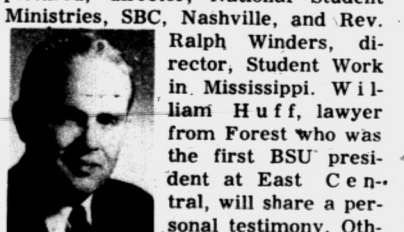
"Nothing before, nothing behind; The steps of faith Fall on the seeming void—and find

ECJC To Celebrate 50th Anniversary Of The BSU, SBC

The Baptist Student Union at East Central Junior College will have a Celebration Service at the Clarke Venable Church, Decatur, on October 23, at 7 o'clock.

The Celebration is for the 50th anniversary of the Baptist Student Union in the Southern Baptist Convention. "Because of what BSU has meant to the hundreds of students who attended East Central in years past and what it continues to mean today, it is only fitting that such an occasion be held," states Gladys Bryant, Baptist student director at ECJC.

Guests will be Dr. Charles Roselle, pictured, director, National Student Ministries, SBC, Nashville, and Rev.



Ralph Winders, director, Student Work in Mississippi. William Huff, lawyer from Forest who was the first BSU president at East Central, will share a personal testimony. Others to appear on the program will be Dr. R. J. Reynolds, dentist from Newton who is presently serving as chairman of the Area BSU Advisory Committee; L. E. Cliburn, former professor at East Central and chairman of the committee to purchase the BSU bus which arrived last week; Frank Rives, registrar at East Central; and Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor, Clarke Venable Church.

East Central students will share testimonies and furnish the Celebration music which will include some of the old as well as new sounds in music.

A fifteen-passenger Dodge Maxi-bus which is being bought by the churches in the area, will be dedicated at the celebration also. The bus is a dream born in the hearts of a concerned group of committee members and churches who wanted to help East Central students go to share Jesus with people beyond the campus. As one person said "Let's do something big to celebrate these fifty years of what BSU has meant." That is just one way people in the East Central area are saying "thank you for BSU." "Everyone is invited to come to help celebrate this occasion with us," says Miss Bryant.

Five Men Preach At Gooden Lake Homecoming

Gooden Lake Church near Belzoni observed homecoming October 15. Dinner was served on the grounds.

Five men have surrendered to the ministry from this church and each one brought a message during the day. They were John Waid, Bill McLendon, Tommy Bruce, Ed Gullick, and Buddy Hampton. Rev. Paul Broadway is pastor.

Turner Resigns At Cascilla

Rev. Len Turner recently resigned as pastor of Cascilla Church in Tallahatchie County, after a ministry there of more than 16 years. He began his ministry there on a half-time basis in 1956, continuing as fulltime pastor since 1963, and during the entire 16 years of his ministry he traveled back and forth from his home in Jackson.

During Mr. Turner's ministry, the sanctuary was completely remodeled and an educational building was added and paid for. The attendance and membership of the church increased by nearly 100%.

Mr. Turner is presently associate director of the Mississippi Heart Association and resides at 6005 Woodhaven Road, Jackson, with his wife, Ann, and two sons, Barton and Mike. He will be available for supply and interim work in or near Jackson.

"Country Crossroads" Nears 3rd Anniversary

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — They won't exactly sing "Happy Birthday" in October and November when "Country Crossroads" observes its third anniversary. But there will be "golden moment" replays of outstanding events from the shows produced during the first three years of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission program.

"Country Crossroads," which originated in 1969 during a live broadcast from the Country Music Association's Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn., was originally heard on 35 radio stations. Today, a scant three years later, it is aired on more than 400 stations across the country. It is recorded at Radio Station WSIX in Nashville, the Country Music Capital of the World!

A special anniversary edition of the "Country Crossroads Scrapbook" is being readied for the anniversary celebration. The "Scrapbook" is a monthly presentation of the show and is mailed to listeners who request it.

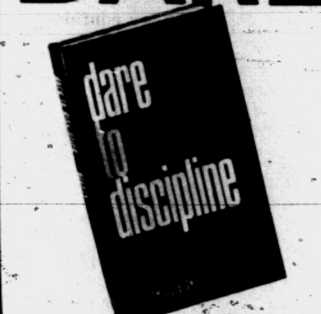
The anniversary edition will include excerpts from the interviews and testimonies of some of the stars who have appeared on the show during its three years on the air.

These will include Bill Anderson, who was on the first broadcast in 1969; Roy Rogers and Dale Evans; Loretta Lynn; Minnie Pearl; Loretta Lynn; Charley Pride and Jerry Clower.

The purpose of "Country Crossroads" is to emphasize the importance that religion plays in life. Its theme is "Taking the cross of Christ to the crossroads of the world."

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Today's Youth

Anne Marie Fairchild Of Laurel

Crusade Ventriloquist "Lives In Order To Work"

By Sally Tucker

"Some people say that they have to work to live, but I live to work."

This comment reflects only a small part of the joy and security that Anne Marie Fairchild, ventriloquist with the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic team, exhibits when discussing her talent that she has so rewardingly put to use.

Miss Fairchild, of Laurel, Mississippi, joined the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Team a short time ago. She and her doll, Jackie, replaced Geraldine and her doll, Ricky, when Geraldine left the team to be married. In revival crusades Anne Marie works with children in the nightly Special Children's Service. She and "Jackie" tell jokes, sing, and talk about Jesus.

The fact that she is the daughter of a magician - minister father, Rev. Elvin Fairchild, Jr., and a ventriloquist mother, Molly Fairchild, might lead one to think that Anne Marie probably began entertaining as soon as she learned to talk - but no so. "I began working with ventriloquism only seven months ago," she commented. "My mother gave me my first two dolls last Christmas and

I just sort of picked up the practice of ventriloquism."

Soon after Anne Marie joined the team, Dr. Daniels purchased for her the doll, Jackie, that she now uses in the crusade services. "I don't think of Jackie as a dummy," she said. "It's really strange, sometimes Jackie picks up things and says them before I even think about them."

"When I gave my life to the Lord, he gave me a new talent that I never thought I could use for him," she said. "Since then, the only way to go has been up - my life is completely full now. I never lack anything to do during the day or anything to pray for at night."

Planned programs and rigid outlines don't seem to fit Anne Marie's style. Although she begins a performance with a central message or theme in mind, she takes most of her cues from the audience. "I listen to the children and pick up things from them," she said.

"When we talk to one child, Jackie communicates with the child on a one-to-one basis and talks to him about Jesus and salvation," Anne Marie commented. "When we are with a large group of children, we



The Crusaders Three

William Carey College's evangelistic music team, THE CRUSADERS THREE, appear above for the cameraman as they prepare for a heavy fall schedule in churches and schools of the Mississippi area. Formerly known as "The Found Group", left to right, John McGraw, Richard Davis, and Harry Carter, preach, sing, counsel and entertain.

just discuss the plan of salvation in such a way that includes all the children."

Anne Marie has found that children's audiences enjoy just looking at Jackie. "It's the adults that really enjoy the programs - the children seem to be content just to watch the performance."

"Above all," she added, "I guess the preachers like Jackie the best. He just can't keep a secret - he tells everything he knows - and some things that he doesn't know."

"Jackie enjoys making jokes about the preachers - like the other night when he commented on Bro. (James) Rushing's rainbow tie. When I told him the tie looked white to me, he said, 'no, it's a rainbow tie because it's got a pot at the end of it.'"

During the course of one year, Anne Marie will probably appear at 11 area-wide crusades and four church crusades. In between crusade work, she uses her talent in revivals, school programs, civic gatherings and "just wherever I'm needed."

(Note: Anne Marie's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Elvin Fairchild, Jr., of Mosselle, Ms., and their daughters have been working together as an evangelistic team, though preaching, gospel music, and evangelism. Recently, during the annual fair in Laurel, they presented the gospel message through music and ventriloquism; over 30 decisions were made for Christ.)



East Moss Point Youth Choir Sings About Love

East Moss Point Youth Choir went on tour recently. They sang the musical, "It's All About Love," at Cottage Hill, Mobile, Ala.; First, Greenville, Ala.; and

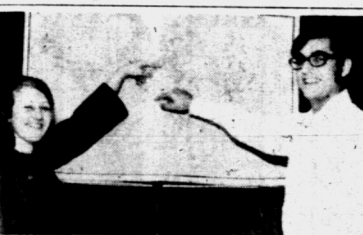
Callie Self, Greenwood, South Carolina. Rev. Jerry Scott is pastor.



New Home (Scott) Undeclared In Softball

New Home Church in Scott County was undefeated during the softball season and placed second in the Association Tournaments. New Home, after playing two years in the Rankin County Association helped to organize a league for Scott County in 1972. The players pictured at left above are (back row left to right) Charles Latham, manager, Bill Bricker, Randall Bricker, Dick Livingston, Kenny Latham, Ricky Latham,

Laverne Craig, Raymond Bricker, Eddie Derrick, James Edwards, John Patrick, Michael Patrick and David Latham. Not pictured Scottie Denson and Wayne McGee. Kenny Latham (at right above) of New Home Church was selected from the Scott County Softball League as the player who displayed the best sportsmanship during the softball season. He was presented the Tommy Puckett Sportsmanship Award.



MK's At Carey

MK's at Carey College this semester include two freshmen. Mary Hollifield, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hollifield of Italy, poses with David Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis of Ghana. Both have grown up on foreign mission fields and are proud of their adopted countries toward which they are pointing in the above photo. David's sister, Nan, is a sophomore nursing student at Carey and two other MK's, Robert and Dannie Lindsey, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey of Jerusalem, are seniors.



One Of Youngest Groups On Concert Tour

Plantersville Youth Choir, ages 7-12, under direction of Paul Armstrong, minister of music, is currently presenting a program of contemporary religious music in churches in Mississippi and Alabama. This is believed to be one of the youngest groups on tour in the state. Pianists are Wilene Berryman and Debbie Chism. Available for concert appearances, the group may be contacted through Paul Armstrong, c/o Plantersville Baptist Church, Box 27, Plantersville, Ms. 38862. (Rev. Brooks Lindsey is pastor.)



Anne Marie Fairchild of Laurel and "Jackie" have joined the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Team.

Devotional

The Christian's Cross

By Phillips R. McCarty

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me. For the man who wants to save his own life will lose it; but the man who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-24 TEV).

Every follower of Christ is to carry a cross. This cross is the loss of self in service to others. How does the Christian carry his cross? He carries his cross by having the proper allegiance, proper actions, and proper attitude.

The follower of Christ knows his allegiance is to the God way of life. Jesus taught his followers to "give first place to his Kingdom." Determining priorities is a very important task in daily living. Those who are committed to Christ know their top priority is to do the will of God. This means the Christian has determined that he will carry his cross.

The actions of the Christian demonstrate that he carries his cross. A Christian does not work to be saved, but works because he is saved. These actions of life are an everyday reflection of the workings of Christ in the life of the Christian. In the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus tells that ministering or failing to minister to the needs of men is a basis for judging the individual who professes to be a follower of Christ. As a Christian loses more of self on his cross he gains more of Christ and his actions become more the actions of Christ.

The proper attitude is necessary in cross bearing. In the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians Paul tells the Christian that eloquence, knowledge, faith, and service without love are nothing. Paul says the only proper attitude for the Christian is the love attitude. Christ demonstrated the possibility of living a life with the love attitude. John says "God is love" and those who love God are to live by the love attitude.

Proper allegiance, proper actions, and proper attitude are all a part of the Christian's cross.



Off The Record

A young mother paid a visit to a doctor, she made no attempt to quiet her five year old son, who was causing a rumpus in the next room. Suddenly, there was a loud clatter of bottles.

"I hope, doctor, you don't mind Brian being in there" the mother said.

"No," said the doctor. "He'll quiet down when he gets to the poisons."

A man who had just been promoted to vice - president boasted so much about it to his wife that she finally retorted: "Vice - presidents are a dime a dozen. Why, in the supermarket they even have a vice - president in charge of prunes."

Furious, the husband phoned the supermarket in the expectation of refuting his wife. He asked to speak to the vice - president in charge of prunes.

"Which kind?" was the reply. "Package or bulk?"

Byram Homecoming

Byram Church will observe annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 22, in the morning service. An old-fashioned dinner on the grounds will be served following the service. "We extend an invitation to all members and former members to attend," states Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor.

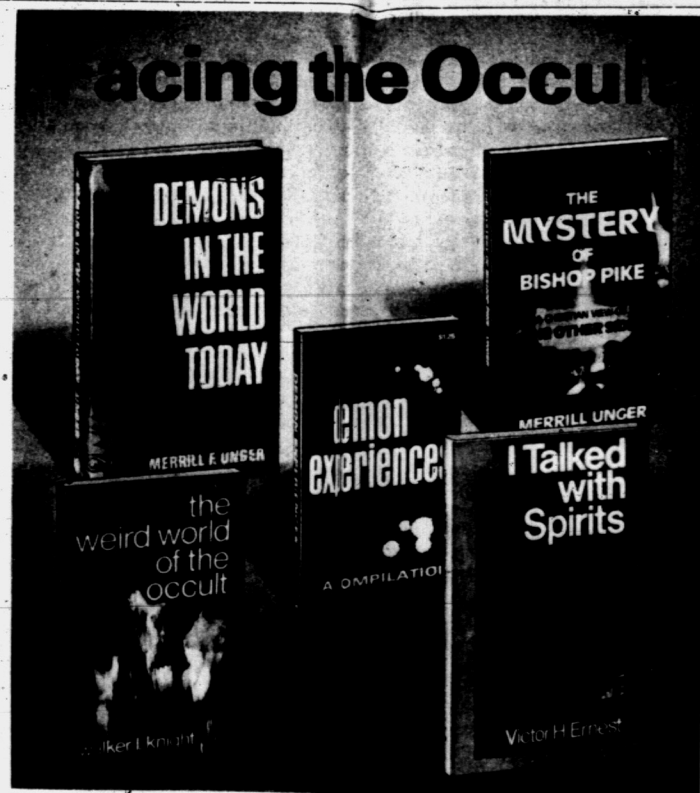
Hickory To Celebrate 106th Anniversary

The pastor, Rev. H. L. Davis, and members of Hickory Church invite all former pastors, former members and friends to attend their 106th Anniversary Homecoming to be held on October 22. Bible Study will begin at 9:45.

The homecoming sermon will be at 11 o'clock a.m. by Dr. Lewis Curtis, a former pastor, of Florida. "Old-time dinner on the grounds" will be served at the noon hour. The recognition service will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Power Of Love

To confess Jesus as Lord is to live not by the love of power but by the power of love. - Phillip A. Potter, newly-elected general secretary of the World Council of Churches.



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